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THE ANNUAL "SCHOOL TRIP"

This week, Seniors of Appomattox High School left by chartered bus on an educational trip to New York City. It will be a wonderful experience for the boys and girls.We commend the teachers who went along to watch out for the group. The annual "school trip" has become a highlight of the school year. If used for its announced purpose, to become a vital supplement to classroom studies, it can be a wonderful thing. Each year, it seems, the boys and girls are undertaking longer trips. One thing that we also encourage: to invite school groups in this general area to visit the Shrine of Peace at historic Appomattox. Countless school groups pass through this area en route to Washington, and if a way could be found to contact the groups planning these trips, no doubt arrangements could be made for a brief stop at the McLean House.

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AND NOW MAY

Spring's last-born darling, clear-eyed, sweet,
Pauses a moment, with twinkling feet,
And golden locks, in breezy play,
Half teasing and half tender, to repeat,
Her song of "May." —Susan Coolidge.

The arrival of May marks the end of the first third of 1956. It is also the last full month of Spring, since Summer arrives in June.

May is a nostalgic month to most Americans, not only because May 30th is Memorial Day, but for many other reasons, as well. This month students all over the country complete their school years, and millions graduate from either high school or college, and many of them take their first fling in our free enterprise system.

In some sections of our country, May Day is celebrated by sports festivals or other ceremonies, and there is usually a May Queen and May court, in the near vicinity, each May.

The most widely accepted version of the origin of the word May is the theory that it comes from the word Maia, who was the mother of Mercury. Maia was the eldest of the Pleiades, the seven daughters of Atlas and Pleione. She is supposed to have been the mother of Hermes, and the Romans identified her with Maia Majesta, an Italian goddess of Spring.

It was thought in those days that May was an unlucky month for marriage because the festival of the goddess of charity and the festival of the unhappy dead were both held in May. Thus June has becomt the month of marriages.

In our country, Derby Day comes in May, and, at Churchill Downs, near Louisville, the famous Kentucky Derby is run. We also remember the month because it was on May 7th, 1915, that the "Lusitania," bound for Liverpoool from New York, was sunk by German submarines, drowning many Americans.

The first transcontinental railroad was also finished in May, on May 10, 1869, and the last tie, of polished California laurel, was laid on that date. The rails laid on this tie were spiked with a silver spike, supplied by Nevada; an iron, silver and gold spike provided by Utah, and a gold spike provided by California.

Mother's Day also falls in May each year. It is a relatively recent custom, having been begun in 1907. The first permanent English settlement in the United States was also begun in May, on May 13, 1607, at Jamestown, Virginia where 105 colonists, of the London Company, built a small fort and a few huts.

Among the other things we remember in May are the famous flight of Charles Lindbergh, on May 20, 1927, Memorial Day which falls on May 30th, the anniversary of the Battle of Manila Bay, which falls on May 1st, and the anniversary of the establishment of the first medical school in America, on May 3rd.

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A JOB IS IMPORTANT

Hundreds of thousands of young Americans, some of them living in Appomattox, will go into the job-market of the nation in June, as schools and colleges release new recruits for employment.

The important task of finding a job is rarely appreciated by those who have steady and dependable employment. It is quite another problem, however, for young people who have trained themselves and are ready to begin the business of making a living.

There was a time, not so very many years ago, when the absence of jobs created insuperable difficulties for millions of American families. The likelihood that this will be the case again, in the very near future, is not threatening but there as always unemployed persons in the United States who are looking for work.

Employment opportunities for those able and willing to work should be the concern of every American. There is no future in this land of opportunity for any young man or youngwoman who is able and willing to work but who can find no suitable employment. Consequently, the creation of economic opportunities for these young people is a matter of prime importance and should receive the serious attention of employers everywhere.

Those finding or holding good jobs, should appreciate them, and seek to advance in skill, seniority and security.

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AN IMPORTANT DEADLINE

An important deadline arrives on May 5. It is the deadline for payment of capitation taxes in order to be able to vote in the Presidential election in November. Check the record, and be sure that you will be on the eligible list. The campaign is virtually underway already, as the Republican Party's nominees are sure to be Eisenhower and Nixon, barring another heart attack for the President before the convention. The Democrats are having a wide-open contest to pick their nominees, and whatever the ticket by election day, you will want to be able to vote.

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ON GUIDING CHILDREN

An expert recently explained that parents should set a thoughtful example to their children as far as their own mistakes are concerned. In other words, admit your mistakes to your children and do not play the role of the perfect human being.

The idea behind this advice is that you are not perfect and that, therefore, you are going to make mistakes. Therefore, when you step out of your car door into a manhole, or slam the window sash down on your fingers, your child will soon enough get the idea that you didn't plan it that way.

Remember that your child is also learning, and he or she is also making many mistakes daily. So, a thoughtful attitude on your part and a frank admission to your children that you also make mistakes, but are trying to do better, will bring about a parallelling attitude among them.

In other words, they will make mistakes and strive to do better themselves, and, more than that, both of you can laugh at each other's mistakes—as long as the person laughing is you doesn't laugh too much.

Evergreen

Evergreen, May 1.- The Evergreen school collected 52 Good-will Bags for the truck which came last week. This clothing will be used for work and employmgat to help the handicapped people at the Woodrow Wilson Center at Fishersville.

Rev. R. T. Smith, of Exmore, Va. was the overnight guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton on Sunday night.

A number from here attended the services at the Red Oak Baptist Church Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Jennings is on the sick list this week.

Mrs. James E. Cheatham and son, of St. Petersburg, Florida, spent several days last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham.

A number from here attended the Vacation Bible School Clinic held at Liberty Baptist Church last week.

We are happy to report that the ground has been broken for a new Baptist parsonage here.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farrar visited Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Gilliam and Mr. and Mrs. Carol Halesapple, of Hurtsville, Va., Sunday P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Austin and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Canada and Mrs. Etta Ferguson motored to Staunton, Va. Sunday.

Mr and Mrs. J. A. Young spent Sunday in Lynchburg in the home of Mr. and Mr. Lawrence Young.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Thompson, of Lynchburg spent Saturday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Mrs. Eula Fleshman was shopping in Lynchburg Saturday.

Mrs. C. J. Paulette spent the week-end in Lynchburg visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. David Garette, of Washington, D. C. visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Warriner over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Henderson and family motored to Roanoke on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pringle and family, of Harrisonburg, Va. visited Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Evans over the week-end.

HIT BY AUTO, FINED

Milwaukee, Wis.- Roy Onteveros, 76, was hit by an auto and, instead of fining the driver of the car, Onteveros was fined $15.50 for jaywalking and "failing to yield the right of way."

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SEEKS MORE MANPOWER

A program to help meet a critical need for manpower to fill vacancies in three types of engineering jobs has been undertaken by the State Department of Highways.

Charles Nelson, personnel engineer for the Department, said today the agency has begun an intensive drive in high schools and preparatory schools throughout the state to attract graduates for employment as draftsmen aides, materials technicians and rodmen.

"For many months," he said, "we have been conscious of the fact that the need for manpower to fill technical positions has been one of our biggest problems. Because of the increasingly keen competition for engineering graduates, the need has grown more acute each day.

"As one step in our efforts to meet the need for manpower in various technical positions," Nelson added, "the Department's district and resident engineers have been asked to contact every high school and preparatory school in the state to determine whether they will have any June graduates who do not plan to attend college next fall."

These graduates will be offered employment with the opportunity to enroll in special in-service training courses or night schools designed to give them technical training that will qualify them for promotion within the department, he said. Full credit will be given for completion of in-service or correspondence courses.

Nelson said the Department hopes to employ a total of about 100 of these high school graduates — 50 as rodmen and 50 as draftsmen aides and materials technicians. Vacancies will be filled in the Department's central office and in the eight highway districts.

Concerning the need for graduate engineers, Nelson said the situation is worse now than it was last spring. This year, he stated, "we wanted to employ 30 graduate engineers. So far we haven't gotten any.

"The possibility of an expanded highway program in the future makes matters even worse," he added.

1,000 Pounds Between Them

Jackson, Tenn.- W. D. Cowlan, 23-year-old man of Erie, Pa., and Miss Mabel Ruth Watkins, of Allquipa, Pa., were recently married here. The unusual thing about the couple is the fact that Cowlan weighs 640 pounds and his bride, 360 pounds. The ceremony took place in the bus used by a traveling show of which Cowlan is a feature attraction.

Pamplin Rt. 1

Pamplin, R. F. D. 1.- Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Arrington and sons spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arrington in Tapaphannock. Visiting in the same home Sunday were Miss Shirley Arrington and Henry Richardson.

Mrs. Pearl Rand was able to attend church Sunday. She cut her foot last week on a lawn mower.

Mr. Sherman Bushey entered the Charlottesville Hospital Monday, where he will undergo an operation.

Mr. Thomas Ranson is improving after an operation at the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. Annie Meadows spent last week-end in Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Dale Williams and daughter, of Farmville, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe Meadows and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Bushey and children, of Richmond visited relatives here during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Duval Brooks and family, of Lynchburg spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Mathis.

Three new members were united with the church at Piney Ridge last Sunday. They were Bobby Clifton, Irene Baldwin and Mrs. Monroe Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Vester Clifton and family spent Saturday in Lynchburg.

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Hunter Tolley and family in the death of her father.

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NEW BOOK IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY

Imperial Woman, by Pearl Buck

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RECAPPING SERV

Clover Hill

Clover Hill, May 1.- Mr. and Mrs. Jannett Gilliam, of Farmville were guests on Sunday, April 29, to a dinner party of the family of Mrs. W. J. Turner. The occasion was in honor of the 84th birthday of Mrs. Turner. Present from here were Mrs. J. L. Torrence and husband, and Mrs. Tommy Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Smith and son, Robert Wayne, of Richmond, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Torrence.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Anderson, of Farmville were Sunday visitors of Mrs. Rosa Pasteite.

The Clover Hill Home Demonstration Club will meet in the home of Mrs. J. S. Whitehead on Tuesday, May 8 at 2 P. M. Mrs. Pearl Wilson will serve as co-hostess.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Johnson on Sunday visitors of Mrs. W. W. Smith and daughter, Mrs. Lynchburg.

Mrs. Bob Jenkins is a patient at the Lynchburg Baptist Hospital, and is scheduled for an appendectomy today.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lewis and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster, of Concord, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Carter had as their guests on Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson and son Bud, and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Thompson and family, of Shipman; and Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Thompson, and daughter, Cynthia, of Charlottesville. Claude Thompson, U. S. A. F., who is located in Maine, flew from his base there to Washington, D. C. Sunday and surprised his mother with a telephone call.

Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Ferguson and daughter, Patricia were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Traylor, of Amherst.

Miss Lucy O'Brien, of Lynchburg and Mr. Henry Gills, of Buckingham were week-end guests of Mrs. W. P. Gills. Mr. Gills is convalescing from a week's stay in Farmville Hospital.

The Clover Hill community extends deepest sympathy to their beloved Home Agent, Mrs. B. G. Anderson, in her recent bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Harvey spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Lucado, of Keysville.

Appomattox High School Seniors from our community, who are making the trip to New York this week are Misses Nancy Oxford, Betty Mitchell, Alice Ashworth, Janet Proffit and Mary Carrington Conner.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Ashworth and family attended the funeral on Thursday of last week of Mrs. Ashworth's brother-in-law, Mr. R. E. Newton, of Buckingham.

We regret to hear of the illness of Mr. John Tweedy and wish him a speedy recovery.

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Stonewall

Stonewall, May 1.- March winds and April showers bring forth the May flowers. Great to think we will soon have lovely flowers to help beautify this old world.

Mrs. Colie Rock had her tonsils removed at Virginia Baptist Hospital last Saturday. Glad to know she has returned home and is getting on fine. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burgess, of Richmond, are spending a while with them while she is recuperating from her operation.

Eddie and Mike Rock are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Rock in Richmond for two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wheeler and family, of Richmond, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Irby Wheeler, and visited his father, Mr. Irby Wheeler in Lynchburg Hospital. So happy to know that Mr. Wheeler is much improved. We hope he will soon be well enough to come home.

Mrs. E. L. Chick received word last week that her nephew, Mr. Tye Drinkard had his appendix removed at Lynchburg Hospital last Monday. Glad to know he is doing O.K. Hope for this fine young man a speedy get well.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Jennings and children, of Bedford City spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Parks Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carson spent Sunday with her home folks, Jessie and Tommie Davidson.

Little Sarah and Clara Braford spent the week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Braford, at Natural Bridge. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Braford and boys, and Mrs. J. E. Burnette spent Sunday there and brought the girls back home.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Burnette Sr., and Mrs. and Mrs. Victor Burnette Jr., of Washington, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. Rufus Burnette on last Saturday.

Mrs. Howlette Drinkard, Sr. Mrs. Wallace Bondurant, Mrs. Clyde Carson and Mrs. Erwin Chick visited Mrs. W. R. Stratton and her sick mother, Mrs. S. L. Scruggs, last Wednesday afternoon. Glad to know that Mrs. Scruggs is slowly improving, after an illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim McHenry and daughter visited in Williamsburg last week.

Miss Louise Burnette, of Harrisonburg and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burnette and boys, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Burnette.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beard and son, Lawrence visited in Richmond over the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Carrington Allard. They visited her parents on Monday night.

Little Donald Lee Drinkard, of Staunton School spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howlette Drinkard, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Moore had as their guests over the week-end her sister from Gladys.

Miss Mary DeWitt returned to her home in Bedford Sunday, after spending three weeks with Mrs. C. M. Stratton, and her family.

CLASSES 13,000 FEET UP

Oxford, Ohio.- Dr. Karl E. Limper, chairman of the geology department at Miami University here, has advised geology students that they can go to summer school in the Rocky Mountains this summer if they want to. Two six-semester hour courses will be given in a rugged area of Wyoming about 13,000 feet high in the Rockies.

Vera

Vera, May 1.- It really seems that hot weather has come and it is needed. Gardens are so late. Farmers are planting corn.

The Sunday School convention of the James River Association was held at Pleasant Grove Church on Sunday. Delegates attended from most of the churches. There was a large crowd, and a bountiful dinner was served. There was good speaking and everyone seemed to enjoy the day.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson on Saturday night.

The P.-T. A. met at the Vera school on Thursday night, with a good attendance.

Right many from the New Hope Church attended the missionary meeting at Concord Church Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Ferguson on Friday night.

Rev. R. T. Smith preached at Antioch Church on Sunday night. He is a former pastor of Hollywood Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Harriette attended the service.

Vera, May 1.- Mr. J. L. Torrence, and Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette visited Mr. Tom Morris, of Lynchburg Tuesday evening. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. David Garrette, of Washington visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette Saturday.

The Hazel Moon W. M. U. Circle of Liberty Chapel will hold its monthly meeting with Mrs. Willie Beale Wednesday at 2 o'clock, May 9. The topic of the program will be "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette visited the Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Leitner, of Windsor, over the week-end.

Mrs. Ida Beale, of Lynchburg, visited her sister, Mrs. Willie Beale the past week.

SURGERY ON FARM CALLS FOR SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS

Surgery on the farm calls for some special precautions, advises Dr. S. L. Kalison, veterinarian at VPI.

He reminds that in many ways livestock are physically similar to humans, and need similar care when they are undergoing surgery. Too many farmers tend to forget this.

Dont wait too long before calling the veterinarian, because if surgery is necessary, you will want to take advantage of all the strength and resistance the animal might have, and the longer the animal is sick, the poorer surgial risk it is.

If surgery is necessary, provide a clean, sanitary place to do the job. It should also be free of drafts and moderately warm. While an animal has great recuperative powers, it still is subject to the same post-operative complications as a human. Watch for the development of any complications.

If anything goes wrong (wound infections, high temperature indicated by dryness of the nose, drooping ears, dull eyes, etc.), or the animal doesn't show expected recovery, call for help immediately.

TRUCKS CARGO REVEALED

Starke, Fla.- There was no doubt about what William Lee Jacobs was hauling in his truck when it was stopped here recently. Two five-gallon tins had burst and a liquid was running out the back of his truck and "you could smell it for a block," according to Frank W. Watt, Federal agent. Jacobs was charged with illegally transporting moonshine whisky.

Chick Chats

How to Handle Stress Factors

If you haven't heard of "stress factors," you must not have been raising chickens during the last year or two—for this term has been widely used by disease specialists, nutritionists, and other poultry experts.

What are stress factors? One expert says they are those things which may directly or indirectly endanger the health of a flock. This broad definition is detailed in the following partial list of stress factors:

Nutrition and health of parent flock, poor incubation, chilling or overheating of chicks in transit, unsanitary surroundings, chilling and overheating during brooding, cold floors, poor ventilation, starvation and dehydration, vaccination, etc.

Infinite Number

A list of all stress factors would be infinite in length, for there are as many stresses as there are variations in environment and management.

All chickens (and other animals and humans) undergo stress. They must adapt to situations, often man-made situations, or suffer the consequences—which may be in the form of upset, poor growth, or disease.

Often the disease result of stress is not seen, but remains beneath the surface. This is known as subclinical disease. Or, stress may trigger outright diseases such as CRD, bluecomb, or blackhead.

Avoid Accumulation

What is to be done to guard against stress or its effects? Since most stress conditions in poultry are the result of an accumulation of errors in management (often complicated by infectious disease), the raiser should do everything possible not to let the little things pile up.

For example, don't let chicks get chilled when already they are not eating well. Or avoid vaccinating while a flock shows signs of coccillosis or is affected with worms.

Since at least part of the stress effect is on the physiology of the bird, bolster this with antibiotics and vitamins. Preferably, these should be given before stress situations—during the early weeks of chicks' lives, before vaccinations, or before a sudden change such as moving, exposure, debeaking, or homemixing.

The antibiotic preparation, which should provide a high level of the drug, may be given in feed or water and should include high levels of added vitamins.

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